

To overcome the objection in item 5 of the outstanding Office Action, this response amends page 8 of the replacement specification to include a heading entitled "Brief Description of the Drawings."

To overcome the objection in item 6 of the outstanding Office Action regarding the alleged blurriness of the originally filed Abstract, this response replaces the originally filed Abstract with the enclosed replacement Abstract.

The enclosed replacement drawings, replacement specification, and replacement Abstract are believed to contain no new matter.

In item 6 of the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner also objects to the Abstract because it allegedly does not emphasize "the presence of at least one siloxy group on the R groups." We respectfully traverse this objection because the fourth line of the Abstract after formula II states that at least one group R contains a group OSiR_3 .

In items 7 and 8 of the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner rejects Claims 1-7, 9-12, 14, and 19-26 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. The Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections because the originally filed application (including the specification, claims, abstract, and drawings) is enabling under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph.

In item 9 of the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner rejects Claims 1-7, 9-12, 14, and 19-26 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. The Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections because Claims 1-7, 9-12, 14, and 19-26 are not indefinite.

In item 9, the Examiner also rejects Claim 20 because it is

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allegedly a use claim. The Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection because Claim 20 is not a use claim.

In items 10-14 of the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner rejects Claims 1-7, 9, 14, and 20-26 for allegedly being anticipated by or obvious in view of the cited documents. The Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections because the prior art does not teach or suggest the claimed invention as claimed in Claims 1-7, 9, 14, and 20-26.

It is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Allowance of the application at an early date is solicited.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 12-0415 and, in particular, if this response is not timely filed, then the Commissioner is authorized to treat this Response as including a petition to extend the time period pursuant to 37 C.F.R 1.136 (A) requesting an extension of time of the number of months necessary to make this response timely filed and the petition fee due in connection therewith may be charged to deposit account No. 12-0415.

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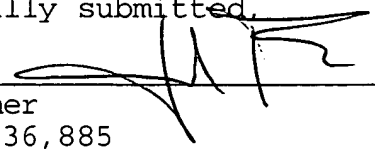
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